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### From the Editor:

For those of us in the Midwest, I see the perfect saying while searching the web. "Global warming, I can't wait." Yup, that about says it all. This is the time of the year when we don't know what we're going to wake up to. But it is comforting to know that the scoot will be out very shortly. With only a few swap meets and bike shows left to attend this spring, that's a good indicator in it's self, wouldn't you say?

As you can tell by the slightly over abundance of pages that we're growing fast. For only being March, I have no idea were the road will lead us all. I am getting more and more reader contributions in, which is helping keep this paper unique, rivaled by NONE. With all the different thinking bikers out there, the skies the limit!

In the past month I have met some Brothers that I only knew by name. It is nice to put a face to a name, even though I know I have met most of you in the past.

Lorie and I went on a major road trip the weekend of Feb 26th. First we headed up to Sturgeon Bay for a Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial Fund-raiser, were we ran into Wild Bill, Doc from Doc's H-D and Ken and Bonnie, promoters for the upcoming Cyclemania Bike Show in GreenBay. It was a pleasure meeting you all. Then Saturday morning it was down to Chicago for the Dead Rockers Show (See event page 15), where we ran into Ken, the promoter of the show, Gina and the crew from Open Road (gotta stop running into you folks like that). After chatting with some of the other folks who's names elude me, we headed for home. The following week it was down to Milwaukee, where I surprised some of my brothers and sisters by heading out to the DMZ party at the Tichigan Civic Center with them. (My advice, a little bigger hall next time) but it was a great party. And finally, the traveling ends the weekend of March 19th where I headed up to St. Paul for the Donnie Smith Invitational Bike Show ( more on this event in a future issue). This is one show I have marked on my calender already for next year. You should to!

I have come to one conclusion. I will be attending a lot more events this year that I didn't get a chance to attend last year. With the advertised events having priority, and with there being a ton more coming on board, I will hopefully be seeing all of you there also.

Till Next Time, Preacher

### Letter to the Editor

Preacher:

Just got your March issue of Free Riders Press and had to comment about Chucks letter about what he'd heard about Bingo and the Downed Biker Fund.

At Bingo's 80th B-day party, I witnessed a good Samaritan give Bingo some money and tell him that it was for him, because of all he does, and he should use it for gas or whatever. Bingo accepted the money and humbly said Thank You. As the brother turned and walked away, Bingo took the money out of his pocket and put it in the Downed Biker Fund box. When I asked why, Bingo told me that he had all his brothers and friends with him there at his birthday party, and that was all he needed. But that he knew somebody on the inside that had nothing, and could really use the money.

So now if this accuser would like to discuss this in person, come over to Algoma and look me up, unless of course your nothing but a back stabbing A-hole coward! People like you make me sick. Thanks for letting me vent!! Wild Bill Carrick

**No problem on the venting. That's what it's here for.**

### Mission Statement:

This paper was started out of the love and respect for being in the wind, and the brothers and sisters that are in the wind also. I have been riding all my life and have learned what brotherhood means. The Free Riders Press is a paper dedicated to the biker who knows this respect. Not barring any rider for what he wears or rides. We try to cover stories that make the public sit back and have a positive outlook on bikers. We will try to cover events that are for the biker and put on by the biker. This paper will be used to better the riding community through education, updates and personal views that are of positive thinking for the riding community in general. We will try to fight the ongoing discrimination that seems to be thrown onto us without our view being told. Free Riders Press is for all to enjoy, so by working together someday we can be free in the wind, without the worry of any of the aforementioned items.

**A couple of months ago I asked the question, How many miles do you HONESTLY ride in a year?**

**Well I know at least 5 people read this paper from the responses I recieved.**

\*\*Hello Preacher !! Well we decided to take you up on your challenge to see how much riding we do in a year. Are you ready for this????

Dan ( Giggles to you ) and I ride on an average roughly about 5000 miles. And also we wanted to add that Dan drives semi so he's not home much. That's not alot to some people but he's only home so many days out of the season. And that's on an old 77 Ironhead. So I hope that helps you with your debate.

Keep riding ! Giggles ( ZMC ) & Wendy

\*\*Hey Preacher, Just got done with the February Print. in reply to the question of the month, I "honestly" put on 7,296 miles last year and in '03 I put on right around 8,700 miles. Not to shabby for jammin up and down the highways and by ways of wisconsin. Mr. F\*\*ken Happy Waupaca, WI

\*\*An answer to the question "How many miles do you honestly ride in a year?" 7,889 miles in 2004 This is from someone who never left the state of Wisconsin and it was a very cold year and could not ride as much as normal.

\*\*You asked for Wisc. bikers to write in and tell you how many miles they ride... last year (2004), I rode 5,225 miles this includes a bunch of demo rides and some miles put on a borrowed bike while mine was in the shop. Most of my riding was done in "short" hops -- longest ride was about 215 miles. Many rides between 100-200 miles. No commuting miles.

\*\*The year before (2003) I rode a lot less because I was laid up for half the summer with a busted appendix, maybe 2000 miles.

\*\*I put on about 1000 miles last year. That being all back roads. I'd rather have quality miles than quantity miles. Gary

\*\*Me personally, I put on about 3000 miles give or take, depending on what was going on. Preacher

**So added all up the figure comes out to just over 4900 miles a year, based on replies sent to me.**

**Ok all, next Question:**

**Ok, now that We have an answer to the milage thing, I have another question that one of the employees at Rice Lake Harley suggested I should ask you all.**

**Don't worry no names will be given out on this one. All answers are tabulated by the firm of Me, Myself and I Inc. With the answers coming out in a future issue**

**He suggested I get a list of things that piss you the biker off about H-D Dealerships.**

**And just to be fair, the things that piss off dealers about consumers.**

### " Bingo's Downed Biker Fund"

If you have a Brother or Sister down and would like to get them the Free Riders Press, NO PROBLEM, be glad to do it but it does cost money. A lot of people help out by donating some coin. We here will do what we can, but with everybody giving what they can, we will make it go a long way. We all know somebody that's down, and anything would be greatly appreciated.



**Send to:**

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